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January 25, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk/Executive Director The Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Docket No. 2021-361-G

Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated for the Approval of New Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs and Notice of Intent to Seek Net Lost Revenue under the Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act.

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please find enclosed for filing the Petition to Intervene on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs. As indicated on the Certificate of Service, all parties of record will be served via electronic mail.

Regards,

Roger Hall, Esq.

Deputy Consumer Advocate

Enclosures

Cc: Parties of Record (via email)

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DOCKET NO. 2021-361-G

IN RE:)
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Application of Dominion Energy South)
Carolina, Incorporated for the Approval of	
New Natural Gas Energy Efficiency	PETITION TO INTERVENE
Programs and Notice of Intent to Seek Net	
Lost Revenue under the Natural Gas Rate	
Stabilization Act (Application Does Not	
Include a Request for a Rate Increase)	_)

Carri Grube Lybarker, Administrator and Consumer Advocate for the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs ("Department"), respectfully petitions the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") for permission to intervene in the above referenced Docket pursuant to R. 103-825 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure. In support of this petition, Petitioner states as follows:

- 1. Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC") has filed for a) authority to create four new demand reduction and energy efficiency programs ("Demand Side Management" or "DSM") for the Company's residential and commercial natural gas customers; b) authority to modify, expand, amend, or add any measure or program proposed in this Docket without the requirement to seek prior Commission approval to do so; c) authority to create a new Rider to Retail Gas Rates—Demand Side Management Component ("Gas DSM Rider") for the recovery of the program costs arising from the new natural gas DSM program and the shared savings incentive ("SSI") of 9.9%, thus matching the electric DSM SSI granted in Order No. 2019-880; and d) notice of intent to recover the net lost revenues resulting from the proposed DSM programs through the annual Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act ("RSA") proceeding under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-400, et seq.
- 2. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 37-6-604 (2018), the Department may provide legal representation of the consumer interest before state and federal regulatory agencies when such agencies undertake to fix rates or prices for consumer products or services and may intervene as a party to advocate for the interest of consumers before the South Carolina Public Service

Commission. In that capacity the Consumer Advocate does hereby petition to intervene as a formal party of record in Docket No. 2021-361-G

- 3. The Department works to avoid excessive, inadequate, and unwarranted rate increases. Upon information and belief, the application of DESC may impact rates for South Carolina consumers; however, the Department's position has not yet been fully developed on this matter. Petitioner reserves the right to set forth her position more fully as necessary and appropriate as this proceeding moves forward.
 - 4. Counsel representing the Consumer Advocate/Department in this proceeding are:

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5. The Consumer Advocate/Department consents to service via electronic mail and requests all communications regarding this docket be directed to counsel of record noted above.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, in order to represent the consumer interest of the State of South Carolina, requests the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene and make Petitioner a formal party of record, allowing Petitioner to actively participate in this proceeding.

Carri Grube Lybarker, Esquire Administrator / Consumer Advocate

By: <u>s/ Carri Grube Lybarker</u>

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DOCKET NO. 2021-349-E

IN RE: Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated for the Approval of New Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Programs and Notice of Intent to Seek Net Lost Revenue under the Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act (Application Does Not Include a Request for a Rate Increase)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
hereby certify I have caused to be served this day this delectronic mail as follows:	he Petition to Intervene to the individuals
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